

MEDIEVAL JOBS: LORD

The lords who owned large tracts of land, however, and the other members of the nobility, were at the top of medieval society. Although they were only a very small part of the population, they held the power and wealth. Their lives were luxurious and comfortable, compared to that of peasants and serfs. Even within the nobility, however, there were rankings and classes, making some more respected than others. Lords ran the local manors. They also were the king's knights and could be called into battle at any moment by their Baron. The lords owned everything on their land including the peasants, crops, and village. The Lord held absolute power over the fief or manor including holding court and deciding punishments for crimes.

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